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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Chanh Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/04/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 39-77 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 39,41,43,44,46-48,52,54-56 and 76 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40,42,45,49-51,53,57-75 and 77 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 15.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on June 04, 2003 has been entered and considered by examiner.

Priority

2. The later-filed application must be an application for a patent for an invention which is also disclosed in the prior application (the parent or original nonprovisional application or provisional application); the disclosure of the invention in the parent application and in the later-filed application must be sufficient to comply with the requirements of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112. See *Transco Products, Inc. v. Performance Contracting, Inc.*, 38 F.3d 551, 32 USPQ2d 1077 (Fed. Cir. 1994).
3. This application repeats a substantial portion of prior Application No. 08/677,378, filed July 5, 1996, and adds and claims additional disclosure not presented in the prior application. Since this application names an inventor or inventors named in the prior application, it may constitute a continuation-in-part of the prior application. Should applicant desire to obtain the benefit of the filing date of the prior application, attention is directed to 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78.

Adding at least a portion "the sensors including spaced components generally preventing false activation thereof through vibration" and "motor with shaft and offset weight mounted to shaft" to page 3, lines 1-20 of the specification is not presented in

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the prior application. It constitutes a continuation-in-part of the prior application, not continuation as applicant amended on amendment filed on October 25, 2002.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 40, 42, 45, 49-51, 53, 57-70, 75 and 77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Independent claims 57, 63 and 70 recite "the unidirectional sensors including spacing preventing false activation by the vibration". However, there is no description in the specification to support the feature "the unidirectional sensors including spacing preventing false activation by the vibration". The closest disclosure in the specification is as follows:

Page 50, line 28 to page 51, line 34 of the specification discloses unidirectional sensors, but does not describe the limitation "including spacing preventing false activation by the vibration".

The remaining claims 58-75 are dependent on the reject base claims 57, 63 and 70 and therefore inherit the deficiencies thereof.

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Claims 40, 42, 45, 49-51, 53, 69, 75 and 77 recite "active tactile feedback vibration is provided by a motor" and "an offset weight connected to a motor".

However, there is no description in the specification to support the feature active tactile feedback vibration is provided by a motor" and "an offset weight connected to a motor

In view of 112 rejection, there is no art rejection applied in this office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 39, 41, 43-44, 46, 47-48, 52, 54-56 and 76 are allowed.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chanh Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-6603.

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